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**Educational Diversity in my own Educational Experiences**

As I grew up in a very small, farming community about two hours outside of Philadelphia and right outside of Lancaster, we did not have a very diverse community. Since I lived in a non-diverse community my school had almost no diversity and was primarily white. This went all the way from my elementary school years through my high school years until the time I had graduated from high school. It was not until I came to the University of Rhode Island that I had experienced a very diverse community and it was definitely something to adjust to. Going from almost no diversity to being in a dorm room with my roommate from out of the country was something very different. Even besides my room mate being of another race/ethnicity, sitting in class and working on group projects with those of another race/ethnicity was something new to me that I had to adjust to. Telling my parents and more so my grandparents, they were in shock of how diverse the URI community was and that I was working with others of different races and wanted no part of it what so ever. Going to school in Rhode Island really expanded the amount of diversity in my life where now it seems a little more normal than it was different. Although I am from a town with almost absolutely no diversity and it was something I never had to deal with and my relatives are not for it, I can now adjust to a place with more diversity than home and feel comfortable with others of another race/ethnicity.